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**ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the petition, filed June 14, 2010, which is being treated as a request under 37 CFR 3.81(b)<sup>1</sup> to change the assignee on the issued patent.

The request is **DISMISSED**.

37 CFR 3.81(a) permits the patent to issue to the assignee, provided that, at the time the issue fee is paid, the name and correct address of an assignee is provided. 37 CFR 3.81(b) permits the patent to issue in the name and correct address of an assignee if the assignment was submitted after payment of the issue fee but *prior to issuance of a patent*. Patent and Trademark Office assignment records disclose that an assignment correcting the assignee's name from "NORTHERN SYDNEY AREA HEALTH SERVICE" to "NORTHERN SYDNEY AND CENTRAL COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICE" was recorded on January 25, 2010, after the date of issuance of this patent.

Accordingly, since the assignment was not submitted for recordation until after issuance of this patent, issuance of a certificate of correction would not be proper. *See* MPEP Section 307.

Inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at (571) 272-7751.

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<sup>1</sup> See Official Gazette of June 22, 2004